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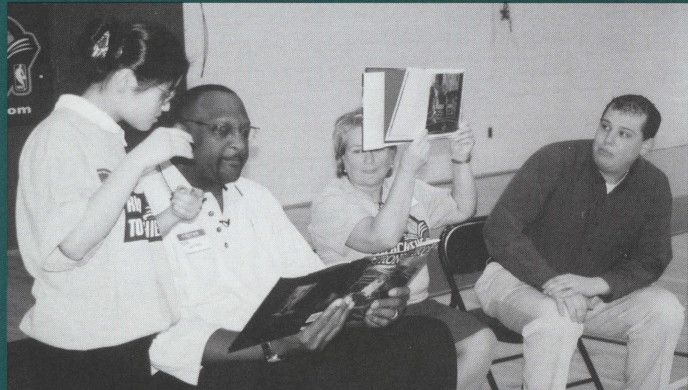
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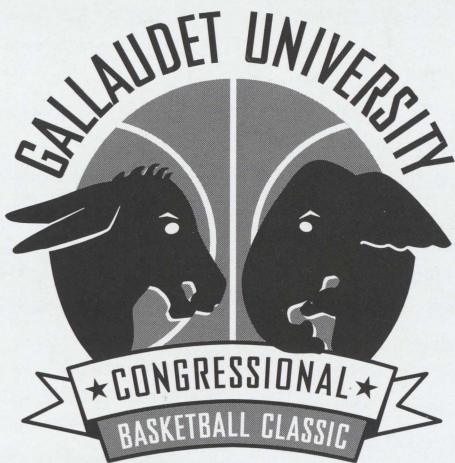
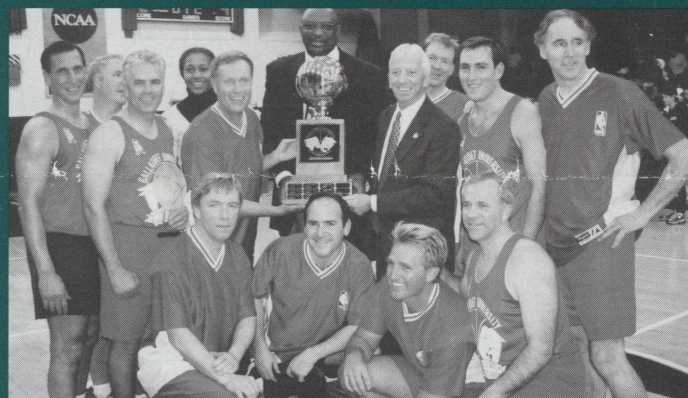
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The Republican Fighting Elephants overcame the Democrat Dunkin' Donkeys at the 10th Congressional Basketball game, held in the Field House March 13. The Fighting Elephants won by a score of 59-35, giving them a 6-4 series lead.

(Clockwise from above) The day before the game, the National Basketball Association sponsored a basketball and reading clinic at KDES: Student Sarah Martin reads from *Strong to the Hoop* while honorary basketball coach Bob Lanier holds the book; Linda Jordan displays a book for audience members to see, while GIS interpreter Brad Leon interprets. President Jordan prepares to toss the opening jump to John Thune (R-S.D.) from the Republicans and Bob Etheridge (D-N.C.) from the Democrats. Team mascots show off their muscles. The Dunkin' Donkeys, with honorary coaches Chamique Holdsclaw, a forward with the WNBA's Washington Mystics, and Nate "Tiny" Archibald, an NBA Hall-of-Famer, pose for a team photo. President Jordan presents winning coaches Bob Lanier, an NBA Hall-of-Famer, Tamika Catchings, a forward for the Indiana Fever of the WNBA, and team captain Mike Oxley (R-Ohio) with their trophy.



## Gallaudet hosts mini 'March Madness'

The 10th annual Gallaudet University Congressional Basketball Classic between the Republicans and Democrats on March 13 celebrated Gallaudet's strong relationship with the Congress of the United States. The Fighting Elephants won the game, beating the Dunkin' Donkeys by a score of 59-35.

Two NBA Hall of Fame legends—Bob Lanier and Nate "Tiny" Archibald—served as honorary coaches. This year, Gallaudet also incorporated its partnerships within the community with groups like the H Street Community Development Corporation, Washington

Metropolitan Area Transit Authority (Metro), and the Gallaudet Community Relations Council by hosting an afternoon event with booths and refreshments at the Gallaudet University Kellogg Conference Center.

The Fighting Elephants were guided to victory by team captain Rep. Mike Oxley (R-Ohio) with Lanier as the coach. With Archibald as coach, the Dunkin' Donkeys played the court under the leadership of team captain Rep. David Bonior (D-Mich). Bonior also received special recognition for his support of Gallaudet over the years as well as for his involvement in the

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## Campus community invited to GCRC awards/recognition program

The Gallaudet Community Relations Council (GCRC) cordially invites the campus community to attend the 21st Annual Awards and Recognition Program. The program will recognize individuals, organizations, and businesses that have made significant contributions to improve the quality of life for Near Northeast residents. Local artists will provide entertainment.

The Mistress of Ceremonies, Elizabeth Noël, Esq., is serving her third term as People's Counsel for the District of Columbia, the legal representative and advocate for all utility ratepayers in Washington, D.C. Operating as a public interest law firm, Noël's office represents ratepayer interests before the Public Service Commission, the Federal Communications Commission, the Federal Energy Regulatory Commission, the District of Columbia Court of Appeals and the federal courts.

The guest speaker, The Hon. Robert Pasternack, is assistant secretary for special education and rehabilitative services. In this position, Dr. Pasternack serves as principal adviser to the U.S. Secretary of Education on all matters related to special education and rehabilitative services. He has worked with students with disabilities and their families for more than 25 years, increasing parental involvement in all aspects of education, particularly special education. Pasternack recently served on the Governor's Advisory Committee on Preventing School Violence in New Mexico.

Saturday, April 13—6 p.m.

Gallaudet University Kellogg Conference Center

A full buffet dinner will follow the program.

Donation: Adults \$15—Students \$8

Please purchase tickets in advance: (202) 651-5660 (V/TTY)

Gallaudet University Office for Community Relations

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ON THE GREEN





## ASK AUNT SOPHIE

Dear Aunt Sophie,

You know what gets to me? A few but loud naysayers who are forever up on their soap-boxes making the same old claim: that the academic quality of our undergraduates has been submarining in recent years. Do they bother to get the facts straight? No. Do they go around making "misstatements" about the test scores and reading levels of incoming students? Yes. I am really tired of this and wish we could do something about it. What do you suggest?

Frustrated-as-heck

Dear FAH,

Off with their heads! [Figuratively, of course.] Naysayers are to the common good what a swarm of termites are to a house made of hickory. There's only one way to deal them (naysayers, not termites), and that is to drown out all their negative and erroneous claptrap with beauty, truth, and light. In other words, zap them with the facts at every opportunity.

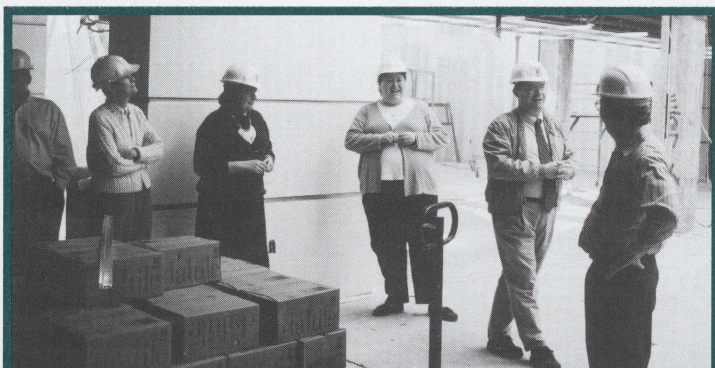
Like this one: whereas 10 or

so years ago a mere one-third of new undergraduate students were placed in for-credit English classes, currently that number has increased to well over half of the entering undergrads.

You might also ask them if they are aware that the percentage of students eligible for the Honors Program is rising steadily—last fall it was a highly respectable 15 percent.

And do tell them about the significant changes in our curriculum brought about by the prodigious infusion of well-prepared students, changes such as the newly established BS programs in mathematics, computer science, biology, and chemistry.

But make no bones about one thing: Gallaudet is proud to provide opportunities—and will continue to do so—to intelligent (some who are very intelligent) students—even though they may have weak reading and writing skills, thanks to the lamentable state of deaf education in many elementary and high schools across the nation. There is nothing quite as beautiful as witnessing a student who arrived at Gallaudet less than prepared for college work, but because of his or her personal will to succeed and innate smarts, graduates with flying colors. It's what we're all about here, isn't it?



Daniel Kirby, director of construction services, gives staff from the Office of Public Relations a tour of the Student Union renovation and Student Academic Center construction on March 14. The area shown is the lower level of the Student Union, where the new food court will be located.

## NOTES FROM PERSONNEL

### Service awards for February:

#### Five years:

**Cindy Staley**, academic support services counselor, Tutorial Center

#### Ten years:

**Cliff Geffen**, coordinator, Residence Life; **Jeffrey Hardison**, interpreter III, Gallaudet Interpreting Service

#### Fifteen years:

**Gregory Borges**, supervisor, community policing, Safety and Security; **William Dawes**, driver, Transportation

#### Twenty-five years:

**Frank Christie**, maintenance mechanic III, Physical Plant

### New employees hired in February:

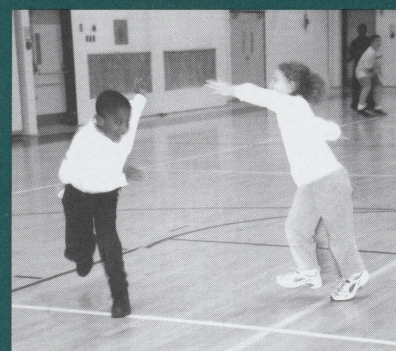
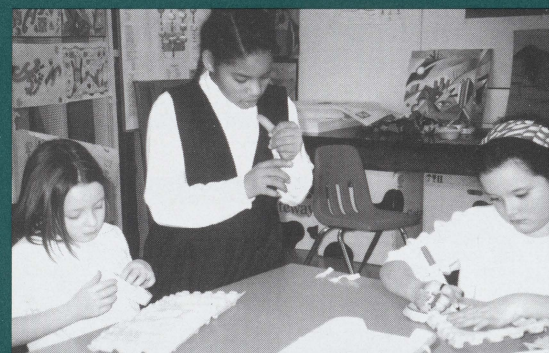
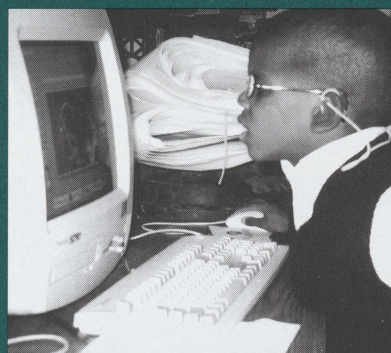
**Mark Amisshah**, staff residential assistant, Residence Life; **Autureo Crockett**, staff residential assistant, Residence Life; **Michael Zusi**, director, major and planned giving, Development Office

### February promotions:

**Susan Ganz**, administrative secretary I, English Works!; **Donna James**, teacher, Child Development Center

### February retirements:

**Naomi Washington**, Transportation; **Martin Willigan**, Administration and Finance



(Clockwise from above): At the Kendall After School Program, KDES student Donnell Jones, from Team 1/2/3, creates computer art. Audrey Robinson, from Team 1/2/3, Cierra Cotton, from Team 4/5, and Skye Dreumont, from Team 1/2/3, transform egg cartons into houses during the art portion of the program. KDES students Solomon Lomax and Tiffany Van Boxlaere, from Team 1/2/3, play a game of tag.



## CLERC CENTER HAPPENINGS

### Kendall After School Program benefits students

By Jennifer Hinger

Without knowing it, the 25 students participating in the Kendall After School Program (KASP) are proving the theory that a lot of important learning takes place outside of the classroom.

In KASP, students ages 6 to 14 participate in a variety of activities related to recreation, art, and literacy.


"We look at how to develop the students and we try to encourage learning, especially from socializing with each other," said Darlene Ewan, KASP coordinator. "KASP really helps build social, communication, and athletic skills, and helps the kids understand other people's needs," she said.

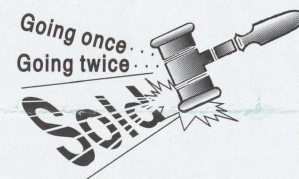
Every Monday through Thursday, 3 to 5 p.m., the students start with a snack, then pick an activity. It might be working on bulletin board decorations with

teacher/researcher Wei Chen, getting homework assistance from residential educator David Van Boxlaere, playing kickball with head residential educator Justen Burns, or reading a story with Gallaudet student Liza Alers. Five MSSD students also help with KASP.

The program, which evolved from the after-school activities of KDES athletics, is less an extension of school and more a creative play time. "We want them to enjoy themselves—to have fun—but also meet their needs," Ewan said.

KASP is open to all KDES students and is offered free of charge to parents.

"KASP is an excellent place for children to learn and express themselves creatively in a more relaxed setting while being with their friends," said Doris Millios, assistant director for student life for the Demonstration Elementary and Secondary Schools. 



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## AMONG OURSELVES

**Dr. Frank Duffy**, a professor in the Department of Administration and Supervision, recently signed a contract to write his fifth book on redesigning school systems. The book will be entitled *Courage, passion, and vision: Leading systemic school improvement*, and it will be published by Scarecrow Education. The audience for the book is school superintendents, school board members, and other policymakers who strive to improve their school systems.

**Gary Brooks**, a production specialist in Television and Media Production Services, is a finalist in this year's Telly competition and will receive a bronze award for "Ole Jim," a "What's Up, Gallaudet?" segment he produced about the campus landmark. Brooks graduated from Gallaudet in 1995 with a B.A. in television and film. He worked for the Smithsonian Institution and the University Archives before joining Television and Media Production Services in 1999.



## CSD becomes title sponsor of Deaf Way II

**C**SD (also known as Communication Service for the Deaf) has become a Title Sponsor for Deaf Way II, which will take place July 8-13.

CSD, based in Sioux Falls, S.D., is the nation's largest private, non-profit organization run by and for deaf and hard of hearing individuals. It employs over 2,000 people nationwide to provide social or human services as well as telecommunications relay services for deaf and hard of hearing consumers. CSD offers 30 programs and services, including video interpreting, community interpreting, captioning, counseling, independent living, employment services, and housing. (More information can be obtained at <http://www.c-s-d.org/>)

Dr. Benjamin Soukup, Jr., an alumnus of Gallaudet and a member of the Board of Trustees, has been chief executive officer of

CSD since it was established in 1975. "We're pleased to support Gallaudet University and to participate in this summer's international Deaf Way II celebration," said Soukup. "I can't think of a better opportunity to have deaf and hard of hearing people worldwide join together in the spirit of solidarity and share our vision for the future."

The deadline to qualify for the standard registration rates for Deaf Way II is March 31; rates increase starting April 1. For more information, check out the fee schedule at <http://www.deafway.org/registration/FeeSchedule.asp>. If you haven't already registered but are planning to be at Deaf Way II this summer, think about registering online (<http://www.deafway.org/registration/index.asp>), which is safe, fast, and secure, as well as timesaving. **G**

(Right): Letticia Allerno talks about her experiences as a Hispanic deaf woman on March 8 in the HMB Atrium. Allerno was born in Mexico and her family moved to New Mexico when she was eight years old. Her education began when her parents enrolled her at the New Mexico School for the Deaf, where she graduated and went on to study at Gallaudet. She is now a teacher/researcher for the Grade 4-5 Team at KDES. Allerno's presentation, which was sponsored by the Campus Activities Office, was part of the University's celebration on March as Women's History Month.



(Left): Dr. Arlene Blumenthal Kelly, assistant professor in the Department of Deaf Studies, presents a lecture entitled, "Influential Deaf Women of the 19th Century," on March 4 in the HMB Atrium as a part of Gallaudet's Women's History Month. The lecture was sponsored by the Campus Activities Office.



## WHAT'S HAPPENING... AND WHEN

**March 29-** "Team Interpreting: A Joint Venture," a presentation that will review the findings from a study of two interpreters who worked together in a 10-week university course, then focus on how interpreters can and do work together and provide support to meet their goal of effective interpretation, 10:30 a.m.-12 p.m., Merrill Learning Center LN11, RID CEUs (CMP and ACET) are available, for more information, contact Melanie Metzger at x5450 or [melanie.metzger@gallaudet.edu](mailto:melanie.metzger@gallaudet.edu).

### April:

**1-**Baseball vs. Williamson Trade, 1 p.m. (two games); Monthly PFLAG Meeting, 7:30-9 p.m., HMB W410, for more information, contact Jane Hurst at x5672 or [jane.hurst@gallaudet.edu](mailto:jane.hurst@gallaudet.edu).

**3-** Diversity Day 2002-"Gallaudet's Religious Diversity: Creating a Community of Understanding," the Gallaudet community will devote this day to exploring its dynamic religious diversity and learning to appreciate our similarities and our differences; GUKCC, 8:30 a.m.-4:30 p.m., for more information contact Jane Hurst at x5672 or [jane.hurst@gallaudet.edu](mailto:jane.hurst@gallaudet.edu); English Works!, FYS, and The Tutorial Center present the Academic Survival Skills Workshop Series, "Proofreading-How to Proofread Your Papers," by Susan Mather and Terry Coye, 12-1 p.m., HMB N203, for more information, contact Cori Dickens at x7283 or [cori.dickens@gallaudet.edu](mailto:cori.dickens@gallaudet.edu); Chinese Characters and Signs Workshop Series: Session 8, this session centers around "Shopping" (Chinese fingerspelling), 12-1 p.m., HMB, N206, for more information, contact Mark Weinberg at x5560 or [mark.weinberg@gallaudet.edu](mailto:mark.weinberg@gallaudet.edu); Softball vs. Mary Washington College, 3 p.m. (two games)

**4-**Baseball vs. Catholic, 3 p.m.

**5-**Open House for prospective students, Chapel Hall, 8:30 a.m.-5 p.m., for more information, call x5750 or e-

mail [admissions.studentvisits@gallaudet.edu](mailto:admissions.studentvisits@gallaudet.edu); Wilma Newhoudt, Outstanding Young Alumnus Award recipient, will give a talk about her work as a parliamentarian in her home country, South Africa, Ely Auditorium, 12-1 p.m., for more information, contact Daphne Cox McGregor at x5081 or [daphne.mcgregor@gallaudet.edu](mailto:daphne.mcgregor@gallaudet.edu); Dr. James Woodward, 2002 GUAA/Laurent Clerc Cultural Fund

Edward Miner Gallaudet award recipient, will talk about his current work with sign languages and deaf communities in Vietnam and other Asian countries, Ely Auditorium, 2-3 p.m., for more information, contact Daphne Cox McGregor at x5081 or e-mail [daphne.mcgregor@gallaudet.edu](mailto:daphne.mcgregor@gallaudet.edu); Baseball vs. Lincoln University, 3 p.m.; Campus-wide reception for 2002 GUAA awards recipients, GUKCC, 4-6 p.m., for more information, contact Daphne Cox McGregor at x5081 or e-mail [daphne.mcgregor@gallaudet.edu](mailto:daphne.mcgregor@gallaudet.edu); Alumni Bash Celebration-GUAA President Andy Lange invites everyone to the celebration, a part of 2002 Charter Day Festivities, Peikoff Alumni House, 7-9 p.m., for more information, contact Sherry Bravin Duhon at x5083 or e-mail [sherry.duhon@gallaudet.edu](mailto:sherry.duhon@gallaudet.edu).

**6-**Softball, Gallaudet Invitational, TBA (two games); Community Service Program offers volunteer opportunities with Bread for the City, where students will help pack food bags, assist in medical clinics, or do outside work, and Keen Swimming, where students will assist individuals with physical challenges at a swimming pool, for more information, stop by the Community Service Program in Room 119, Ely Center, or e-mail [csp@gallaudet.edu](mailto:csp@gallaudet.edu).

**7-**Baseball vs. Christendom, 3 p.m.

**8-**Course registration for fall 2002 semester for currently enrolled undergraduate students.

**9-**Salisbury University, 3 p.m. (two games); 33rd annual Charter Day Luncheon and Awards Program, Andy Lange, 2001-2004 GUAA president, will serve as master of ceremonies, (RSVP deadline with payment was March 28), 11 a.m.-2 p.m., GUKCC, for more information, contact Daphne Cox McGregor at x5081 or e-mail [daphne.mcgregor@gallaudet.edu](mailto:daphne.mcgregor@gallaudet.edu).

**10-**English Works!, FYS, and The Tutorial Center present the Academic Survival Skills Workshop Series, "Proofreading-How to Prepare for Writing Tests" (GWE, FWE, SWE), discover tips for doing your best on these important tests, led by Terry Coye, 12-1 p.m., HMB N203, for more information, contact Cori Dickens at x7283 or [cori.dickens@gallaudet.edu](mailto:cori.dickens@gallaudet.edu); Chinese Characters and Signs Workshop Series: Session 9, this session centers around "Sports and Hobbies" (Chinese deaf community), 12-1 p.m., Hall Memorial Building, Room N206, for more information, contact Mark Weinberg at x5560 or [mark.weinberg@gallaudet.edu](mailto:mark.weinberg@gallaudet.edu); Softball vs. Wilson College, 3 p.m. (Two games); baseball vs. Villa Julie, 3:30 p.m..

**11-**"Cochlear Implants and Sign Language: Putting it all Together," workshop for professionals to discuss recommended practices for working with students with cochlear implants who use sign language, early childhood through high school population, 8 a.m.-1:30 p.m., GUKCC, for more information, contact Debra Nussbaum at x5638 or [debra.nussbaum@gallaudet.edu](mailto:debra.nussbaum@gallaudet.edu); Tennis vs. Wilson College, 3 p.m.

**12-**Baseball vs. Lancaster Bible, 1 p.m. (two games); Softball vs. Christendom College, 1 p.m.

**26 and 27-**Gallaudet Dance Company presents "Dancing into the 7th House," 8 p.m., for more information, contact [sue.gill@gallaudet.edu](mailto:sue.gill@gallaudet.edu) or call x5591.

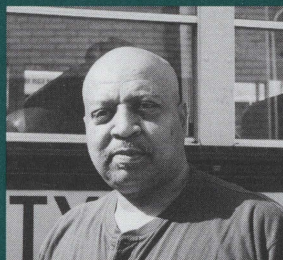
## ROVING REPORTER

Who do you think will win the NCAA Men's and Women's Basketball Tournaments? (The question was asked on March 14, before the tournaments began.)



**Kitty Baldrige**, associate professor, Physical Education and Recreation, and head women's basketball coach:

*Connecticut! The only way an upset of U. Conn. can occur is if their starters succumb to the flu or the "zebra plague." Is there a men's tournament?...kidding. I will have to go with the local, consortium team-Maryland. But watch out for the dark horse Hoosiers from Indiana.*



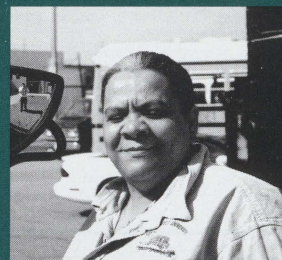
**Ted Washington**, driver, Transportation:

*Watch for Cincinnati to win the men's tournament and Connecticut to win the women's tournament.*



**James DeStefano**, Athletic Director, Athletics, and men's basketball coach:

*Duke has experience from last year and I've always liked them. But watch out for Maryland. Connecticut will win the women's tournament. I watched them play once this year and I was very impressed.*



**Olivia Smith**, monitor, Transportation:

*Maryland will win the men's tournament and Connecticut will win the women's tournament.*



The opening of Chuck Baird's artwork at the National Zoo has been changed to June. For more information, visit the Deaf Way II website at [www.deafway.org](http://www.deafway.org).



## AT&T Relay Service does it again

Gallaudet has been selected once again by AT&T Relay Service as a trial site for the company's fast-developing Internet Relay Service. AT&T selected Gallaudet as a trial site initially last semester to help expand and promote this service, as the University provides a very wide, active, and unique user base. This semester, AT&T hopes to collect data on customer usage and satisfaction, examine technical applications, and consider possible future enhancements based on Gallaudet's feedback.

The Gallaudet trial began on January 22 and will continue until May 4, offering all Gallaudet users free\* Internet Relay long distance calls. AT&T has noted that only text-to-voice calling in English will be available during this trial period. The students, faculty, teachers, and staff of Gallaudet may log on to the Gallaudet server and place an Internet Relay call 24 hours a day, seven days a week to any domestic point in the United States, including Alaska, Hawaii, Puerto Rico, and the U.S. Virgin Islands. Calls to Canada are also acceptable, but international and 900 number calling are not permitted during the trial. There is no limit to the length or number of Internet Relay calls that are placed.

AT&T Internet Relay Service offers all the benefits that hearing and speech-capable consumers enjoy via Internet telephony and Voice IP. With Internet Relay, users can connect to the AT&T Relay platform from any browser-enabled device instead of relying on specialized consumer premises equipment (CPE) such as a

TTY, or special software downloads. During the trial, Gallaudet users can access the call launch Web page at [relay.att.com/gallaudet](http://relay.att.com/gallaudet). Access to this Web site is available from fixed Internet access points available through the campus network and servers. Currently, AT&T Internet Relay Service is available only through this trial. Users can't access the service when they are off campus.

A number of Gallaudet students are talking about the Internet Relay trial and their experiences with it. One such account comes from fifth-year government student, Eric Kaika. "AT&T allows a fast, direct connection to an operator," he said. "I enjoy using AT&T Relay Service because I am able to view the entire phone conversation. It's easier than using my TTY. I don't have to keep my printer on throughout the call to see what has been said."

*\* (Free Internet Relay long distance text-to-voice calls in English to any domestic point in the United States, including Alaska, Hawaii, Puerto Rico and the U.S. Virgin Islands, and Canada with AT&T Internet Relay Trial Service through a Gallaudet University server for as long as the trial lasts. Please note that 900 number calls or international calls other than Canada are not free and are not allowed. AT&T reserves the right to suspend or discontinue the trial at anytime. In the event the trial is suspended or discontinued, users will not be able to place any calls over AT&T Internet Relay Service.)* **G**

## Congressional Basketball Classic

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Congressional Basketball Classic since it began in 1987. He will be leaving Congress in December 2002.

In addition, Lanier and Archibald, along with Indiana Fever's Tamika Catchings, conducted a reading clinic at the Kendall Demonstration Elementary School on March 12. **G**



## It's 'Sho' time



Shoshannah Stern undergoes the ministrations of the hair and makeup personnel for her guest spot acting on the TV show "Off Centre" on the WB network.

By Angie Geffen

on Minnesota Ave. NE. "I thought I had made the deposit; I put it in the machine and received a receipt. When I first heard [from Terry], I thought, 'What's going on?'" When she got the whole story, she immediately drove to the campus, where Terry and Guettler were waiting with her money.

"I'm a very grateful person; it would have set me back so far if the money had gotten into the wrong hands," she said. Poge insisted that Terry and Guettler accept a reward for their honesty, which they did "reluctantly," she said. "It was very heartwarming," Poge said of her experience. "People don't see the good parts of other people, only the negative."

Terry said that he and Guettler were also gratified about doing the right thing. "It does make us feel good about it [returning the money]. It made the night of our lives."

In retelling the story to others, Poge said, people have told her, "You're lucky." But she sees it differently. "I say, 'No, I'm blessed.'" **G**

## D.C. resident grateful for Gallaudet students' honesty

Yvonne Poge, a resident of Northwest Washington, D.C., was surprised to receive a late-night phone call from a D.C. relay service operator on March 3. On the other end of the line was Matthew Terry, a Gallaudet student, and he had some important news for her.

Poge's surprise turned to shock, then gratitude as Terry told her how he and a fellow student, Angie Guettler, had gone to the ATM at the Bank of America at 340 Florida Avenue near the Gallaudet campus that day and found a bank deposit envelope, and inside, a deposit ticket with her name and phone number—and \$1,600 in cash. Terry told Poge that she could meet him at the security kiosk at the Eighth Street entrance to campus and he would be happy to return her money.

"I didn't even know it [the money] was missing," said Poge the next morning, still a bit overwhelmed by the events that had taken place. She said that she had gone to the bank's teller machine early that afternoon to deposit the money after attending services at First Baptist Church



Dr. Richard Lytle, chair of the Department of Education, Fred Weiner, special assistant for planning in the President's Office, and Dr. Joseph Innes, associate professor in the Department of Education, look at a model of the new Metro station on the Red Line at New York Avenue near the Gallaudet campus, which is scheduled to open in 2004. The exhibit was part of the Community Services Fair held in the conference center on March 13.

## Stu • dent • sau • rus

(stōō • dant • soar' • us) n. 1. a special breed of inquisitive men and women who Gallaudet recruits, retains, and educates. 2. pizza-eaters.

"pretty, young, and feisty" friend of Liz, who plays Mike's girlfriend. The character shows that deaf women aren't just nice and passive. "The weeklong job provided me with the reality of the lives of actors and actresses," said Stern. "The actors were very supportive and great to work with. I didn't have any problems with communicating and doing my part," she added.

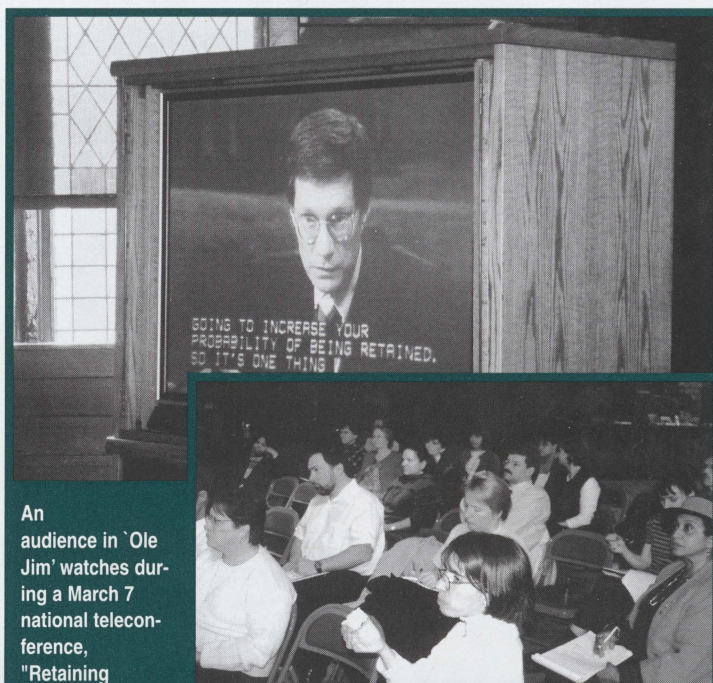
Stern said that the experience has been a life-long dream. She has always loved acting and did several plays for the Gallaudet's Theatre Arts Department.

Since "Off Centre," Stern performed in the play *Vagina Monologues* at the University of Maryland on March 2. "It was a challenge to do the play because my role had materials that were

raw and explicit," she said.

As of March 1, Stern was notified that she had received a guest spot for a 25-year-old single mother on the NBC drama, "Providence." "I feel very lucky because I have had the opportunity to play three different roles in the last three months, and with each role I have learned more than I expected," said Stern.

Regarding her studies at Gallaudet, Stern will continue her classes through e-mail, thanks to her professors, who have been extremely supportive. "It will be tough, but I will be able to achieve it with the support I have received," she said, "I have learned a very important fact in life—no matter where I go, I will always be home because home is within myself." **G**



An audience in 'Ole Jim' watches during a March 7 national teleconference, "Retaining Students: New

Questions and Fresh Perspectives," as a point is made by panelist John Gardner, senior fellow and distinguished professor emeritus at the National Resource Center for The First-Year Experience and Students in Transition, University of South Carolina, which hosted the teleconference. Gardner was joined by other noted authorities on trends in the field: Sharon Fries-Britt, an assistant professor at the University of Maryland; Lana Low, executive vice president at Noel-Levitz; and Vincent Tinto, distinguished university professor and chair of higher education at Syracuse University.